

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 remain in the application with claims 1 and 3 having been amended hereby and claims 5 and 6 having been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 102(e), as being anticipated by Whitehead.

As explained in the present specification this invention is intended to improve the capabilities of the driver of a vehicle by providing an image of the exterior of the vehicle by using a video camera arranged in the exterior sideview mirror of the vehicle. A display device then displays to the driver what the camera has picked up, typically at the blind-side portion of the vehicle. In order to improve the operability of the video camera, a light source is provided to provide additional illumination. Fig. 7 shows how the area might be illuminated to improve the display, as detected by the video camera.

Claim 1 has been amended hereby to emphasize the above-noted features of the present invention.

Whitehead relates to a memory mirror system for a vehicle in which after the exterior mirror has been dislocated, it can then be brought back to its original set position. The examiner points to column 9, lines 62-67, as relating to providing an imaging means. Nevertheless, the Whitehead disclosure relates entirely to an interior rearview mirror assembly that may or may not include a light illumination

means but, in any event, clearly relates only to the interior rearview mirror assembly.

Accordingly, because the present invention relates to an exterior sideview mirror it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 1 is not anticipated by Whitehead.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 2, 3, 5, and 6 under 35 USC 102, as being unpatentable over Whitehead.

The cancellation of claims 5 and 6 renders moot the rejection thereof.

In regard to claims 2 and 3, these claims depend from claim 1, which for the reasons set forth hereinabove is thought to be patentably distinct over the cited reference. Furthermore, Whitehead is completely silent concerning turning on the imaging means when a turn signal has been actuated, as recited in claim 3.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2 and 3 are not rendered obvious by Whitehead.

In regard to the allowability of claim 4, although it is indicated that claim 4 would be allowed if placed in independent form, it is respectfully submitted in view of the amendments made to claim 1 hereby that claim 4 is nonetheless allowable in its dependent form.

Accordingly, by reason of the amendments made to the claims hereby, as well as the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that an on-vehicle video camera arranged in an exterior sideview mirror of the vehicle, as taught by the present invention and as recited in the amended

claims, is neither shown nor suggested in the cited reference.

The references cited as of interest have been reviewed and are not seen to show or suggest the present invention as recited in the amended claims.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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